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**Application No.: 09/728,187**

Group No.: 3627

Filed: December 1, 2000

Examiner: Saether, F.

For: **SCREW FASTENER IN MULTIPLE FLOOR TRUSS AND WOOD-TO-WOOD SHEAR CONNECTION**

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1. Three assignments (documents) were recorded with the Patent Office on March 5, 2001 for Patent Application No. 09/487,981, filed January 20, 2000 (Attorney's Docket No. SST/1031 and SST/1083, which is a second continuation-in-part of SST/1031):

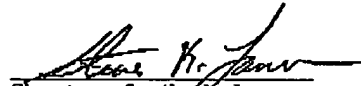
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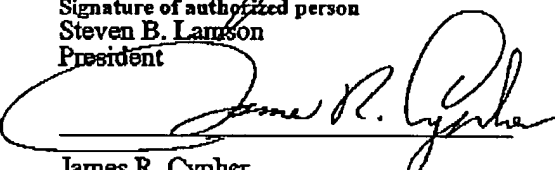
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